

**Minutes Of The
Original Highlands Plan Task Force Meeting
Of November 16, 2005**

Location: St. Brigid Catholic Church

Time: 6:00 PM

Task Force Members Present:

John Riddick, Jr.
David L. McGinty
Patricia Price
Sarah A. Anderson
John A. Thomas
Rev. Donald R. Goetz
Anthony J. Urbaites
Mark A. Rose
Tara Hagerty

Staff and/or Consultants

Present:

Kendal Baker, AICP, PDS
Chris French, AICP, PDS
Steve Sizemore, Planner I, PDS
Greg Winn, Corradino Group

Others Present:

Rick Sweeny

Absent:

Chuck H. Burke, Vivian M. Knox-Thompson,
Ralph S. Bridgers, Jr., Christopher E. Ward
Ted Haddox

Agenda Item No. 1 – Approval of minutes

Kendal Baker welcomed the task force members and asked if there were any objections to the minutes from the previous meeting.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Quality of Life Survey Status

Steve Sizemore discussed the status of the survey and its addition to the plan's website, the upcoming neighborhood newsletter and general opportunities for circulation.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Discussion of Neighborhood History

Mr. Sizemore requested feedback on the brief history handed out at the previous meeting. He presented a historic resources map which displayed the existing historic district and all the surveyed properties within the study area. He added that just because the other properties were not identified as "historic", by being in the district they were eligible for a survey. Task force members inquired about local landmarks designation and whether it would be a feasible option for the neighborhood to pursue.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Review of PARK exercise from October meeting

Chris French reviewed the results from the PARK activity and presented a set of statements created from the listed ideas of the task force. Mr. French discussed how these statements would be used to present the priorities for the neighborhood plan at the upcoming public meeting.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Asset mapping exercise

Mr. Sizemore led the task force in an inventory exercise identifying locations in the neighborhood which the group viewed as positive and negative. Each participant was given a set of green dots and red dots. Two maps were produced, one with the green dots (positive) and the other with red dots (negative). Participants wrote notes on their dots and Post-it notes to help clarify their identification. Mr. Sizemore said that he would take the results and digitally reproduce them to create a map with both green and red dots in order to analyze the trends.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Goal and Objective Statements

Mr. French presented a preliminary set of goals and objectives based on feedback given to date. The task force identified additional items which to add. Many suggestions were detailed (such as a particular site), but Mr. French stressed that the key point was to identify broad ideas and to focus later on the specific details. One particular point made was to take caution between the balance between the need for open space and additional parking.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Neighborhood public meeting preparation and next steps

Mr. Baker discussed the upcoming tasks for the plan. There will not be a task force meeting in December, but discussion centered on a public meeting to be held in January. The task force discussed potential sites for the meeting including the Urban Government Center, the Jefferson Traditional Middle School or one of the neighborhood’s churches. PDS staff stated they would be working with The Corradino Group to organize the meeting and would be in communication with the task force regarding its details. The task force agreed that the meeting should be held on a Sunday and identified January 22nd as a potential date.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Secretary